(b) what will be the passenger handling capacity of the new complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) A new international passenger and cargo terminal with approach roads, taxi ways and related infrastructure is under construction at Delhi. The passenger terminal will have an area of 60,000 sq. metres and will have a capacity to handle 3.3 million passengers annually. Modern facilities including aerobridges, flight information systems, baggage conveyer systems will be installed in this terminal. The peak-hour capacity of the new terminal will be 3300 passengers. The cargo terminal will have an area of 14,000 sq. metres and is designed to handle 2,00,000 tonnes of cargo per annum.

As an interim measure, all international departures have been shifted to the interim international departure building commissioned recently.

Sterling Aid from U.K.

254. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Kingdom has recently made an offer of sterling aid to India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The United Kingdom has been providing development assistance to India for a number of years and cash disbursement ceilings are indicated by the UK each year. Within such ceilings, individual projects or items of import are agreed between the two Governments from time to time for financing from the UK assistance. For the current year, the UK assistance is £110 million equivalent to about Rs. 165 crores.

There is no recent offer of any new sterling aid by the United Kingdom.

Vacation of Custom Warehousing Building at Prabhadevi, Bombay

255. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to hand over the Custom Warehousing Building at 400, Veer Savarkar Marg, Prabhadevi, Bombay to its owner;

(b) if so, what steps so far have been taken by the Collector of Customs, Bombay to vacate the premises;

(c) what is the rent being paid by the Collector of Customs, Bombay to its owner;

(d) what are the reasons for not vacating the premises after the expiry of the lease period; and

(e) what are the terms and conditions of the lease-deed of the above property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The rent being paid is Rs. 63,720 (Rupees Sixty-three thousand seven hundred and twenty only) per month.

(d) and (e) In terms of the lease deed entered into with the landlords, the Government has the option to extend the period of lease. Due to non-availability of appropriate accommodation, it has not been possible to vacate the building at Prabhadevi, Bombay.

Decentralisation of Excise Duty

256. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goernment propose to decentralise the excise duty; and